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Hinsdale, Illinois

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Alberta Laktonen

**Length of Residency in Alaska:**

11 years

**Alaskan Communities Lived in:**

Anchorage 2005-2016

**Education:**

Bachelor of Science in Aviation Management, Southern Illinois University 1985-1989

**Business and Professional Positions:**

Simmons Airlines, Crew Scheduling 1989-1990. FedEx Express, Crew Scheduling and Freight Movement 1990-2013. Small Business Owner 2012-2016

**Special Interests:**

Hiking, bicycling, packrafting, chess, disc golf

**Statement:**

Budget: Had we spent wisely in good times we wouldn't face tough decisions in bad times. Several wasteful megaprojects led to our financial mess and should be killed.

Revenue: Before we steal one PFD or impose blanket taxes on everybody we should first enact simple mineral extraction rates without giveaways, explore voluntary sources (e.g. lottery), and match user fees to services (e.g. fair motor fuel taxes helping pay for road maintenance).

Safety: I have zero sympathy for those that repeatedly violate our rights. Offenders learn from a young age that even when caught they likely will face no punishment from an overburdened justice system. That needs to stop. I want to simplify procedures and increase the use of community service and other alternative measures for non-violent offenses so that every crime is met with some type of punishment.

Ethics: While I am a proponent of individuals supporting candidates in any amount they see fit, the current ethical standards need to be raised. I will work on increasing transparency of contributions and gifts and promoting a non-partisan redistricting panel to eliminate incumbents using gerrymandering to win elections.

Education: We spend more per pupil than any other state and it is time to re-evaluate that approach. The State's responsibility should be simply to ensure students get a strong basic education and that our outstanding teachers get help combating the disruptive behavior of a few. I do not support "vouchers" as that increases costs and subsidizes a private sector.



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